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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PARKING BRAKE

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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2002. Please  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please make the following changes to the claims. A marked up version of the  
original claims is attached as Appendix 1.

1. (Amended) A parking brake assembly, comprising:
- an engaging portion that is moveable into a braking position;
  - a spring that biases the engaging portion into the braking position; and
  - an electrically powered actuator that moves the spring against the bias of the spring and maintains a force against the bias of the spring to thereby release the